Revenue for a further period of five years vide their notification Nd. 67/2009-CUSTOMS dated 16.06.2009. This was done following recommendations made in the DGAD's final findings dated 21-5-2009 in a sunset review of the existing anti-dumping duty on imports of Vitamin-C from China.

Efforts to minimize job losses in traditional export industries

2751. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts his Ministry is making to minimize job losses in our traditional export industries like handicrafts, textiles, etc.;

(b) to what extent the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) is helping the above sectors;

(c) the details of products listed under VKGUY;

(d) whether there are any plan before Government to include more products under VKGUY;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government and RBI are closely monitoring the "economic developments in the country and the global situation, and have been taking appropriate steps to arrest the decline in exports. Measures announced so far, particularly for export sector, are given in statement [Refer to the statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 2729.] including measures under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana, (VKGUY).

(c) At present, there are around 900 items eligible for duty credit scrip benefit under the VKGUY Scheme. The duty credit scrip benefit is at the rate of 3.5% on FOB value of exports in cases where imported inputs are allowed duty free, or at higher rate of 5% on FOB value of exports in other cases. Further, an additional benefit at the rate of 2.5% of FOB value of exports is granted to specified fruits, vegetables, flowers, and marine products. The complete list of VKGUY items is available in Appendix-37A on the DGFT website: http://dgft.gov.in.

(d) to (f) Expansion of VKGUY scheme would depend upon additional funds made available to this department and the need-based assessment of the requirement of the specific export sectors.

Pending proposals for FDI in various sectors

†2752. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), in various sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.